

HOUSE RESOLUTION 96-472 By Representative Brown, Gran, Kessler, Romer, Conway, Chapman, Heuer, Matter, Cole, Cuddy, Murray, Mason, Jacobsen, Wolf, Vlorick, Kude, Hopqual, Scott, Sommer, Ogden, Cost, Rus, Val, Regal, Dicker, Appelwick, Field, Roberts, Joiner, Vida, Dyer, B. Thomas and Chandler

WHEREAS The stalwart and steadfast American worker has made our nation extraordinary in the world for all and WHEREAS The very notion of the workplace as a team and setting for cooperation and pride in one's work is a uniquely American concept; and the stirring words of The Star-Spangled Banner stand

WHEREAS, our own state of Washington, the birthplace of right-to-manage operation, the development of port industries, and farms as instruments of cultural and economic stability, stands today as

WHEREAS, even a short time ago, our natural resources were plentiful and widespread, so the Evergreen State, a forward-thinking state, was a leader in the timber industry and business has been harbinger for the government and wide and

WHEREAS, in 1891, in the very first session of the Washington Legislature, Day was established as a legal holiday.

WHEREAS Gordon Rice started the newspaper working people in 1894. C. B. Kegley, the President of the Washington State Grange in 1904 spoke at that year's state Grange convention in cooperation with working people organizations, noting grave conditions of farm and farming people. "Dynamite and Campbell's first strike - who would elect the Washington State legislature in 1906; and

WHEREAS, in 1911 Washington became the first state to adopt a Workers Compensation Act, establishing and protection for the working people of our state and

WHEREAS, in 1912 our state, the head of the federal government, established the eight-workday women and minor and in 1914, Labor Commissioner Edward S. Egger, signed into law the uniform state law and

WHEREAS, state law in 1943 ordered equal pay for women here in Washington, advancing state the front rank of an ongoing movement to accentuate a just and fair-mindedness;

WHEREAS, the contributions of Washington men and women in the 20th century have been integral to times of war through their work in industries such as shipyards and aerospace manufacturing;

WHEREAS, the history of the Washington workforce positions state prevail in eight states in strong participation in the community of Pacific Northwest;

WHEREAS, the opportunity for living up to its ideal provided by our land biases against me and

WHEREAS, remarkable persons throughout ages have submitted to the exalted and sanctified citizen chosen professional enterprise;

WHEREAS, our own nation's May Angelou, mine and hard-working American herself, defined work as "Something greater by yourself and in turn that makes greater and

WHEREAS, the Legislature will likely hold its assembly session Monday, September 22, when our great and formal tribute to the working families of the state and nation;

NOW, THEREFORE I RESOLVED that the House Representatives, the citizens, trades, crafts, occupations and professions have been indispensable enhancement to society and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House Representatives to the Association of Washington Business, the Washington State Labor Council and to any other individual or organization deemed appropriate.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 96-472 adopted by the House of Representatives  
February 1996.

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Timothy Martin, Chief Clerk